

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: 2021 RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM PROPOSALS BY THE
NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID AND THE RHODE
ISLAND DISTRIBUTED GENERATION BOARD - DOCKET NO. 5088

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) gives notice that it will conduct hearings **January 27 - January 28, 2021, commencing at 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The hearings will be streamed live at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqOyXw296dg>.

At this hearing, the PUC will examine the propriety of proposals by The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid and the Rhode Island Distributed Generation Board (DG Board) for the 2021 Renewable Energy Growth Program (RE Growth) submitted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 39-26.6-1 et seq. The RE Growth Program is designed to finance the development, construction, and operation of renewable-energy distributed-generation projects using performance-based incentives. Under the RE Growth Program, developers and customers with eligible renewable distributed generation projects will have the opportunity to enroll in the program and receive compensation pursuant to the RE Growth Program tariffs, as approved by the PUC.

The DG Board's Report recommended ceiling prices, renewable energy growth classes, and capacity targets for the 2021 RE Growth Program Year. The DG Board defines eligible renewable energy growth classes by technology and size (kilowatt or megawatt capacity). The DG Board recommends classes and eligible system sizes for solar, community remote - solar, wind, community remote – wind, anaerobic digestion and small scale hydropower. The DG Board recommends annual target allocations for each renewable energy growth class. For the 2021 Renewable Energy Growth Program year, the Board recommends that a total nameplate capacity of 56.847 MW be awarded for fixed price and competitively bid projects.

National Grid's proposed modifications to the Company's RE Growth Program Tariffs and Solicitation and Enrollment Process Rules for the 2021 RE Program Year. The Company proposes a Low-Income Community Remote Distributed Generation Incentive, continuation of the Solar Carport Incentive and to update the RE Growth tariffs and rules to reflect reference of "Standard Offer Service" with "Last Resort Service".

Public comments may be submitted on the proposals to luly.massaro@puc.ri.gov or Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk, Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, R.I. 02888. The PUC requests comments be submitted **on or before January 26, 2021**.

The proposals may be examined at the PUC's office. The filings can also be accessed at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5088page.html>. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
January 15, 2021